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Sir:

Attached are a completed Form SB/08 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. These references were cited in applicant's corresponding PCT application.

Claims 29-32, 35, and 40-43 define novelty and patentable subject matter over all of the cited patents.

Regarding Wilner, he uses colored keys operated by the left-hand to select one of five symbols shown in different positions on keys operated by the right-hand (Fig. 5). Thus the colored keys are each like the shift key on a QWERTY keyboard (when it is used to select the symbol at the top position on a key with two symbols). In Wilner's patent they are rightly called "control keys".

Applicant's colored keys are by contrast not "control keys". These colored keys do not select among symbols shown on other keys, like the colored keys in Wilner's

patent. Instead each combination of colors shown on a legend represents a different chord. This distinction is recited in claim 29 (and similarly in claim 40) as follows:

(b) providing a legend indicating a combination of indicia for each of said plurality of inputs, said indicia selected from the class consisting of colors and tactile indicia, each of said indicia representing a specific digit of said operator,

Wilner clearly fails to meet this limitation because he does not use "a combination of indicia selected from the class consisting of colors (and tactile indicia)".

Regarding the other cited patents, these are less relevant than Wilner because they involve:

- (1) a keyboard to be operated by one hand of which the keys are not operated by specific fingers (Stone), and
- (2) a QWERTY keyboard with additional colored function keys which are used to select colored icons on a display (Belzer). (Selecting colored icons on a display with colored keys was an added feature of the PCT application only).

Very respectfully,



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